

9 March 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of SIGINT Committee Ad Hoc Group  
on Requirements Satisfaction

SUBJECT : Minutes of the Thirteenth Meeting,  
8 March 1973

## 1. Attendees were:

[redacted] Acting Chairman  
[redacted] NSA  
Mr. Richard Curl, State  
Mrs. Joan Downs, State  
[redacted] NSA  
LCDR Robert Gasser, OSAF  
Major John Anderson, OSAF  
CDR Jerome Galinsky, Navy  
Mr. Robert DuBois, USAF  
Mr. Martin Graebner, USAF  
[redacted] NSA  
[redacted] CIA  
Mr. Dennis J. Wolstenholme, Navy  
[redacted] DIA

2. The Air Force representative presented a Telemetry evaluation sheet for a November SS-11 launch which had been prepared by FTD. Discussion centered about the answer presented to question 2c, where the FTD appraisal did not appear to agree with the instructions which had been prepared by NSA. After considerable discussion, however, it was the consensus that the instructions were adequate and reasonably free of the possibility of misinterpretation. The discussion was then broadened to cover the subject of how to report on a relatively short term basis the results of telemetry gathering and analysis which might take up to a year to complete. [redacted] contention was that no reports should be made of a telemetry event until the period in which the last entry was available, no matter how long previously the event had taken place. The consensus of the members appeared to agree with [redacted] but no decisions were made.

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25X1 3. The second topic discussed was the importance of the different kinds of events on which telemetry is gathered which had previously been submitted by [REDACTED]. There were several opinions that the spread in importance between the most important and the least important events (a factor of 5 in the CIA proposal) was not large enough. On the other hand, it was pointed out by the NSA representative that the guidance (with the exception of the recent SORS document giving different priorities to different launch points) was to give equal importance to all flights. It was pointed out by [REDACTED] that the telemetry collection and processing activities might find themselves in the position of being guided by one set of relative weights, while their performance would be measured in the report to the SIGINT Committee by a different set of weights. The consensus appeared to be that the weights as proposed by [REDACTED] were a reasonable compromise. Some questions arose as to whether the definitions of the different kinds of events given by [REDACTED] would lead to unambiguous classification of specific events. Accordingly, it was agreed that Army, Navy, Air Force, CIA and others who might wish to do so, would take the flights of January 1973 and attempt to classify them according to the criteria specified. This will test the ease of use of the criteria in actual practice and the degree of homogeneity of the results.

25X1 4. [REDACTED] distributed the results of an evaluation of General Search along the lines proposed previously by [REDACTED]. It was agreed that the number of looks obtained by ground sites was actually much larger than that listed in [REDACTED] analysis. It was also agreed that further detail in the analysis might be interesting, but that, on the other hand, even the degree of detail presented by [REDACTED] was not justified on the basis of presently interested requirements. These stated requirements are, of course, largely nonexistent. The consensus was that the working group members would like to give a little more thought to the General Search problem, with the probability that the SIGINT Committee might be approached about the possibility of providing quantitative requirements for General Search.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

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